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1. Marriages between Soviet officers or civilians and German women are officially allowed, but they materialize very rarely because of formal difficulties and because Soviet officers are usually separated from their German brides before they can actually marry. Only one instance is known where the marriage took place or, at least, in which the Soviet officer and his German bride left for the USSR in order to get married there

Usually, however, the procedure is to accept the officer's application and then to transfer him to a station, usually in the USSR, where he cannot be again contacted by his prospective bride.

2. One German girl and her Soviet fiance are known to have applied for a marriage license in February 1954 and to have received an approval in May 1954. However, they were informed by General Grechko that the marriage could not take place in Germany, but only after a permanent transfer to the USSR. Two reasons were given:

a. There were no marriage license bureaus (ZAGS) in Germany in which a mixed marriage could be registered and be valid in terms of Soviet law;

b. They could not go on leave to the USSR together.

After May 1954, when the original permit had expired, the Soviet bridegroom applied again. In October, however, he was sent on leave to the USSR, and approval of the application was still pending.

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